

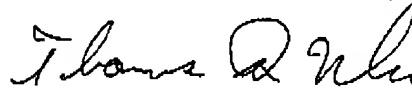
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### Extension of Time

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office action dated August 1, 2003, for 3 months from November 1, 2003 to February 1, 2004. Please charge my deposit account number 50-0270, in the amount of \$950 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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